

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of inducing bleeding after dental surgery, comprising the step of:

Flushing [[a]] an oral surgical site with gaseous nitric oxide immediately following dental surgery, the nitric oxide being a vasodilator which induces bleeding to prevent oral micro-organisms from entering the blood stream.

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